

Richmond Valley Regional Job Precinct



Aerial view of Casino industrial site. Image courtesy of Richmond Valley Council.

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Community update

The NSW Government is pleased to provide an update on master planning for the Richmond Valley Regional Job Precinct.

The aim of the Richmond Valley Regional Job Precinct is to plan for the coordinated release of new industrial land in Casino to promote new development and create more jobs in the region.

Update on progress

Since our last update, the Department of Regional NSW has been undertaking detailed investigations for the Richmond Valley Regional Job Precinct, with ongoing input and feedback from Richmond Valley Council, landowners, businesses and other key stakeholders. Input is also being provided by NSW Government agencies and technical specialists.

The draft master plan is being finalised for public exhibition by mid 2023.

Update on progress

The draft master plan will:



focus on the investigation area outlined below



include the Casino Food Co-op and existing industrial areas at Nammoona and Johnston Street



propose new areas for industrial and employment lands



promote urban design requirements



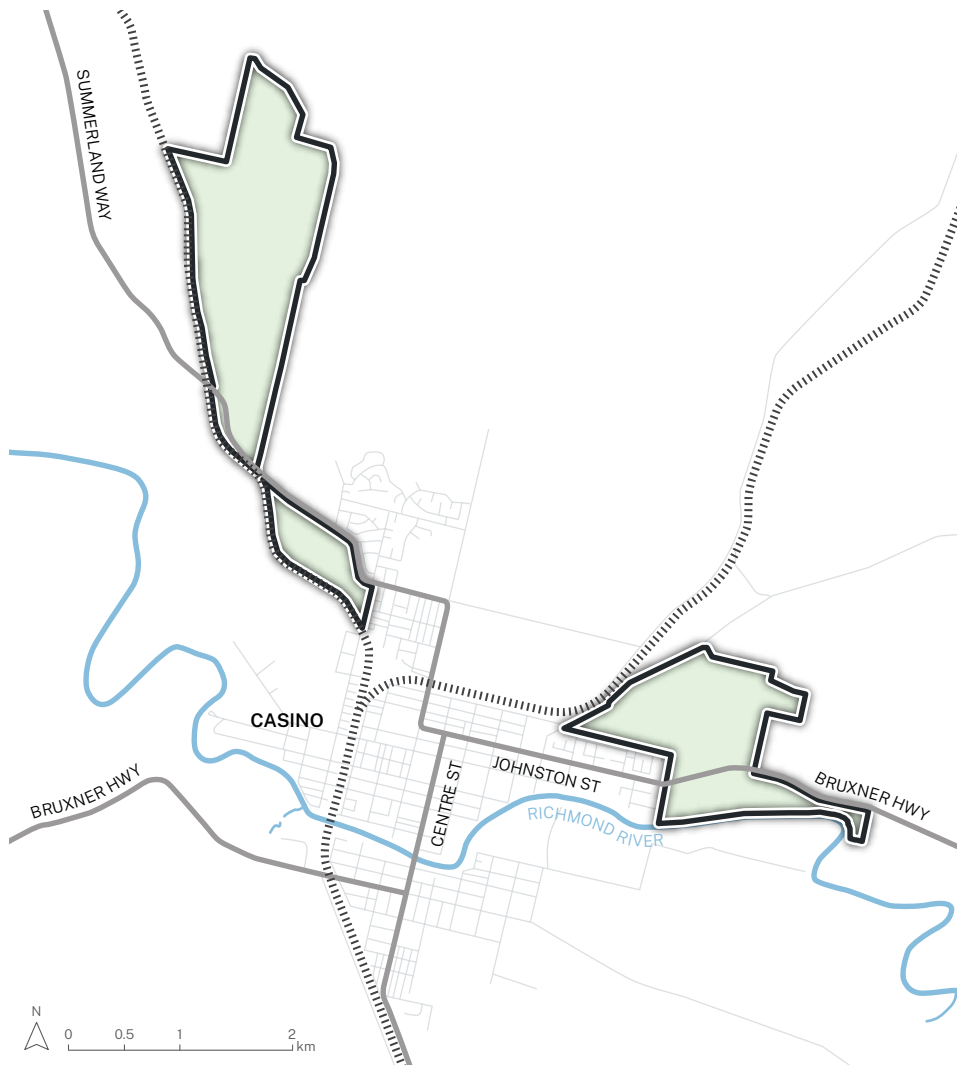
ensure environmental, social and economic issues are considered



consider the long-term sustainability and viability of the Casino community

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 Richmond Valley Regional Jobs Precinct investigation area



Update on progress

A detailed assessment of the investigation area is being undertaken across the following disciplines to inform the development of the draft master plan.

- Structure plan (land use planning)
- Economic analysis
- Biodiversity
- Heritage
- Geology, soils and contamination
- Bushfire
- Traffic and transport
- Utilities infrastructure
- Hydrogeology, water quality and demand
- Land use safety
- Air quality, noise and odour
- Intermodal feasibility
- Agricultural land supply assessment

These reports will be available to review in conjunction with the draft master plan when exhibition commences.

Investigations have also begun to consider possible changes to environmental planning instruments to implement the master plan, such as the Richmond Valley Local Environment Plan 2012. These changes will be outlined in a Discussion Paper which will be available alongside the draft master plan during public exhibition.

The Department's environmental and infrastructure investigations have required additional, more detailed analysis to ensure issues such as flooding are satisfactorily addressed in planning for future development.

The Department would like to acknowledge the assistance and cooperation provided by staff at Richmond Valley Council in the course of the technical investigations.

Community engagement

Community engagement to date has involved input from landowners, registered Aboriginal parties and the business community.

During public exhibition, there will be a range of engagement activities to enable the community to have their say and provide formal feedback.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has participated in the investigations to date including landowners who provided our technical consultants with access to their properties for survey work.

Next steps



We are currently finalising the reports, draft master plan and discussion paper ahead of public exhibition and engagement, commencing mid 2023.

In the meantime, if you would like more information or to speak with a Richmond Valley Regional Job Precinct team member, please contact us (details below).



Further information

For more information or to subscribe to Regional Job Precinct program updates, please email the project team.

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